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SUBJ: ALLEGED EGYPTIAN ATTEMPT AGAINST RCC MININT:

RESTRICTION TO LIBYAN TRAVEL TO EGYPT

1. SEPT 26, LOCAL PRESS PUBLISHED CURIOUSLY TITLED
ARTICLE "EGYPTIAN INFORMATION CAMPAIGN AGAINST LAR"
IN WHICH EGYPTIAN AUTHORITIES ARE ACCUSED OF
ATTEMPTING PREMEDITATED MURDER OF LAR MININT KPARROUBI.
ACCORDING TO ARTICLE, INFORMATION CAMPAIGN
WAS TO BE LAUNCHED AGAINST QADHAFI UPON DEATH OF LT.
COL. KHARROUBI WHOSE DEMISE EGYPTIANS WERE TO HAVE
ATTEMPTED BY FORCING HIS JET TO RUN OUT OF FUEL AND
CRASH AFTER NOT ALLOWING IT TO LAND AT CAIRO EN ROUTE TO
JIDDA, SAUDI ARABIA.

2. LARG PRESS CLAIMS MIN INT LT. COL. MUSTAFA AL
KHARROUBI AND HIS DEPUTY MAJOR MUKHTAR AW GARWI
WERE EN ROUTE TO MECCA TO PERFORM ISLMAIC RITES OF "OMRA"
ABOARD SMALL LAR AIRLINES JET. CAIRO AIRPORT AUTHORITIES
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ALLEGEDLY, ACCORDING TO SADAT'S PLAN GAVE JET PERMISSION

TO LAND FOR REFUELING. WHEN THE JET WAS ACTUALLY
OVER CAIRO AIRPORT AND AGAIN REQUESTED REFUELING,
AIRPORT AUTHORITIES ALLEGEDLY DENIED IT PERMISSION
TO LAND "KNOWING PLANE'S FUEL WAS NOT ENOUGH FOR
COMPLEOSZOAJOUR (#)TO HOLY LANDS." LARG PILOT
MANAGED TO RETURN TO LAR'S GAMAL ABDEL NASSER AIR-

BASE, REFUEL AND PROCEED TO MECCA VIA DAMASCUS AFTER
BEING DENIED PERMISSION TO CROSS EGYPTIAN AIRSPACE.
ACCORDING TO ARTICLE KHARROUBI'S JET WAS TO HAVE MET
SAME FATE OVER SINAI AS LIBYAN AIRLINE SHOT DOWN
BY "ZIONISTS" IN FEBRUARY 1973 IF HIS PILOT HAD
ATTEMPTED TO REACH MECCA AFTER BEING DENIED PERMISSION
TO LAND IN CAIRO. ACCORDING TO ARTICLE SADAT'S
NEWSPAPERS HAD HEADLINES PREPARED IN ADVANCE READING
"QADHAFI EXPLODES QLANE CARRYING TO RCC MEMBERS.

3. SEPT 27 LOCAL MEDIA RZPORTS EGYPTIAN AUTHORITIES
HAVE REFUSED WITHOUT EXPLANATION LAR CITIZENS ENTRY
TO EGYPT BY PLANE OR CAR.
CARLE

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